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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Economic Research
SUBJECT : Establishment of Energy Analysis Steering Panel
Maurice;

I support your proposal to form an Energy Analysis Steering Panel and believe the membership you cite is appropriate. I agree some type of forum is necessary to guide the research effort on energy, and believe one would be especially helpful to OIA in projecting its resource needs as well as ensuring it's resources are allocated against the highest priority intelligence problems.

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Deputy Director
Imagery Analysis

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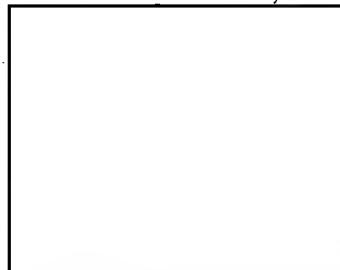
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I would appreciate your concurrence
and/or comments on this memorandum to Bob
Bowie and draft of NFAC Notice establishing
an Energy Analysis Steering Panel.

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MAURICE C. ERNST
Director
Economic Research

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20 December 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, NFAC
FROM : Maurice C. Ernst
Director of Economic Research
SUBJECT : Establishment of an Energy Analysis
Steering Panel

1. Growing policy concern about energy issues and an increasing appreciation of the broad contribution of intelligence to a better understanding of these issues have brought about a proliferation of energy research and analysis among many components of CIA.
2. Substantial specialized energy work is done in different units of OER, and by OIA, OGCR, OSI and ORPA in NFAC and by NPIC and ORD in the DD S&T. Several of these units have external research projects on energy questions.
3. Although different aspects of energy intelligence properly belong in individual specialized units and offices, there is a potential for wasting resources as a result of duplication of effort and inadequate coordination.
4. DOE is intimately familiar with CIA's work on international energy issues and has decided that continued concentration of aspects of such work under CIA management is the most efficient way to proceed. [REDACTED]

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5. To assure adequate coordination of energy analysis priorities and of the allocation of personnel and external contract resources in CIA for energy analysis, I propose that an Energy Analysis Steering Panel (EASP) be formed. All of the CIA offices which are substantially involved in energy intelligence analysis, plus the intelligence component of DOE will be represented on the EASP. NIO/PE will also be a member of the EASP. The D/OER will be its Chairman. [REDACTED]

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6. The primary purpose of the EASP will be to develop a consensus on energy analysis priorities and the allocation of energy analysis resources. A secondary purpose is to act as a mechanism for keeping all concerned offices aware of on-going energy analysis work. The EASP will act in an advisory capacity to the individual offices and to the Director of NFAC and the Deputy Director S&T.

7. This memorandum, and the attached draft NFAC notice, have been coordinated with all interested offices and with the DD S&T.

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MAURICE C. ERNST

Attachment:
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Establishment of Energy Analysis Steering Panel

A CIA Energy Analysis Steering Panel (EASP) is established as of 1 February 1979, to facilitate the coordination and allocation of energy analysis priorities and resources.

The EASP will be chaired by the Director of the Office of Economic Research, NFAC.

Membership will include the Directors, or their representatives, of other NFAC and DD/S&T offices committing resources to energy analysis. Specifically, OGCR, ORPA, OIA, OSI, the NIO for Political Economy, ORD and NPIC will be members.

The Senior Intelligence officer of the Department of Energy in his capacity as a major producer of energy analysis will also be a member of the EASP.

The EASP is an advisory body. Decision-making authority on energy resource issues remains in the individual offices and in the D/NFAC and the DD/S&T. The EASP has no tasking responsibilities and does not produce or review finished intelligence.

The EASP has the following functions.

A. To facilitate

- the exchange of information on the allocation and planned allocation of energy analysis resources and of those devoted to supporting research and development and Imagery exploitation.
- the coordination of priorities affecting the allocation of such resources.
- the resolution of issues concerning energy priorities and resources that fall within the authority of the participating offices.

B. To advise

- the D/NFAC and the DD/S&T on energy analysis priorities and resources.

The EASP will be concerned with the supply of and demand for all present and likely future energy sources, including the civilian uses of atomic energy and energy technology generally.

The EASP will try to achieve a consensus on issues. Failing this, it may refer an issue to higher authority, with a clear indication of differences and the reasons for them.

The EASP will meet at least quarterly or at the request of the Chairman or any of its members.